

CLAIMS

I Claim:

1. A puppetry based communication method, comprising the steps of:
providing one or more images in a computer environment;
5 downloading selected of said one or more images to provide said images in paper form;
and
forming said paper form to create a puppet representative of said image.

2. ~~The puppetry based communication method of Claim 1 wherein said puppet is~~
10 ~~adapted for hand actuation.~~

3. The puppetry based communication method of Claim 1 wherein said step of
forming includes affixing a hinge to said paper form to create the puppet.

4. ~~The puppetry based communication method of Claim 3 wherein said hinge is~~
adapted for hand actuation.

5. The puppetry based communication method of Claim 1 wherein said step of
downloading includes printing said image on a printer.

6. The puppetry based communication method of Claim 1 further comprising the
step of
manipulating said one or more images in the computer environment to create a
personalized image.

25 ~~7. A puppetry based communication business method, comprising the steps of:~~
~~providing a puppet site containing one or more images;~~
~~subscribing one or more remote site users to said puppet site;~~
~~the one or more remote site users selecting one or more of the images;~~

printing the selected one or more of the images in paper form to allow the one or more remote site users to form the paper form to create a puppet representative of the one or more images.

5 8. The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 wherein at least one of the images are provided by content providers.

9. The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 wherein the one or more remote site users are selected from the group of: children, students, teachers, parents, employees,
10 employers, patients, and any combination thereof.

10. The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 wherein the one or more remote site users are located at any one of a home, classroom, workshop, childcare center, business, hospital or training center.

11. The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 further comprising the step of manipulating said one or more images to create a personalized image.

12. The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 further comprising the step of organizing said one or more images into topic areas.

13. The puppetry based business method of Claim 12 wherein said topic areas are selected from any one of the following: educational, training, medical, social awareness, business and entertainment.

14. ~~The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 wherein said puppet is adapted for hand actuation.~~

15. The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 wherein said step of forming includes affixing a hinge to said paper form, said hinge being adapted for hand actuation.

5 16. A puppetry based communication system, comprising:
a computer environment including one or more images available in said computer environment;
at least one printer connected to said computer environment for printing said one or more images in paper form; and
a hinge attached or integrated to said paper form, said hinge being adapted for hand manipulation to create a hand actuated puppet representative of said one or more images.

10 17. The puppetry based communication system of Claim 16 wherein said hinge is formed within the image.

18. The puppetry based communication system of Claim 16 wherein said hinge is affixed to the image.

19. The puppetry based communication system of Claim 16 wherein said computer environment further comprises:
a puppet site computer,
a computer network; and
one or more remote user sites for connecting users to the puppet site.

20. The puppetry based communication system of claim 19 wherein the computer network is the Internet.

25 21. The puppetry based communication system of claim 19 further comprising an Internet server connected to the puppet site computer and the computer network.

22. The puppetry based communication system of claim 19 further comprising a file server including at least an image database and an user information database.

23. A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a computer:

allow selection of said one or more ~~images~~; and

enable a user to print said one or more images in paper form.

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